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STATE LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS

Selects Paw Paw Man to
Fill Vacancy in List of
Officers.

HARVEY A. SHERMAN CHOSEN

To Succeed Frank N. Wakeman as
Secretary of Influential State
Organization.

Circuit court stenographer, Harvey A. Sherman of Paw Paw, has been honored by the appointment of secretary of the State League of Republican clubs of Michigan to fill out the unexpired term of F. N. Wakeman, resigned. Mr. Wakeman sent in his resignation as secretary of this organization before assuming his new duties as postmaster. The same was duly accepted and Hon. Will A. Waite of Detroit, president of the league, announced late last week the selection of our fellow townsman to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Sherman is indeed well equipped for the important duties that will devolve upon him as secretary of this political organization. He is systematic and efficient, has splendid clerical and executive ability, and his political and professional associations during the past fifteen years have given him a state acquaintance that will be invaluable.

He was secretary of the Republican State Central committee during the years from 1898 to 1900. Upon the declaration of war with Spain he went to the state camp with Governor Pingree, and there served as the Governor's military secretary, as also at military headquarters in Detroit during the entire war. At the close of the war he returned to the Governor's office at Lansing, and remained until March of that year 1899, when he was appointed stenographer of the 36th judicial circuit, the position he still holds.

Mr. Sherman is duly appreciative of the honor which has been conferred upon him, and the State League of Republican clubs is to be congratulated upon the new acquisition to its official force.

The personnel of the officers of the League is now as follows:

Col. Will A. Waite, Detroit, president; Roy M. Watkins, Grand Rapids, vice-president; Harvey A. Sherman, Paw Paw, secretary and Chas. H. VanKeuren of Lansing, treasurer.

PROGRESSIVE CAMP NOT ALL HARMONY

Meeting at Lansing Developed
Many Differences
Among Factions.

The self-styled progressives, those who favor the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for president, held a conference at Lansing on Friday last to the number of 65 persons, which conference plainly showed that all is not harmony, even in the camp of the faithful. Differences among the factions was so marked that at one time a bolt was threatened and those present argued and fought during an entire afternoon.

The main contention seemed to be as to whether it would be advisable to place an entire ticket in the field from presidential electors down to constables or to simply organize for the purpose of placing in nomination presidential electors only. This was where the trouble started. Governor Osborn and his followers strenuously opposed the organization of a third party in the state, saying that while he would never vote for Taft, he would stick to the balance of the republican ticket. He intimated, however, that he could vote for Wilson or for Roosevelt if given the chance. Frank Knox, who called the conference, presented a plan providing for a state convention, the delegates to be elected in the regular manner, to meet July 20, "Under the oaks at Jackson," and there name Roosevelt presidential electors, a state executive committee and provide for the election of county committees to forward the Roosevelt campaign. This brought opposition from T. M. Joslin of Adrian who wanted to amend by providing that a new party should be born forthwith and that it place in the field not only a presidential ticket, but a state and county ticket all down the line, even including congressional and city tickets. An exciting discussion followed, during which a bolt was threatened and indeed was nearly made, but was thwarted at the last moment.

Finally Knox's plan prevailed and a committee of two from each congressional district was appointed to further the plan.

WILL STAND BY THE OLD PARTY

Senator Cummins of Iowa Will Not
Desert Old Party as Has Been
Reported.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, progressive republican candidate for the presidential nomination at the Chicago convention, has formally declared against the new party movement and announced his allegiance to the old party.

"I believe," he said, "that we can solve the problems before us more quickly and more successfully through the republican party than through any other political organization. I agree that dishonest practices without regard to the consequences ought to be rebuked and punished, but I cannot believe that the disappointment, however profound, or the dishonesty of individuals, however heinous, can constitute a foundation upon which to rear a new party. We cannot rid ourselves of bosses by organizing another party. Bosses will fasten themselves upon any party unless the rank and file are sleepless in their fight against them. It is not more difficult to deprive the old bosses of power than to prevent the appearance of new ones."

PAW PAW BOY SERIOUSLY HURT

Morris Simmons Narrowly
Escapes Death at Kal-
amazoo Monday.

Morris, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byril Simmons of Paw Paw was seriously hurt while on the streets of Kalamazoo the first of the week. He, with his mother, was on north Burdick street and according to reports, ran into the street, barely escaping being run over by an automobile and coming directly in front of a horse attached to a buggy. The horse became frightened and made a jump forward, striking the child to the pavement and trampling upon him. He suffered a broken leg and arm besides numerous bruises about the back and head.

The little boy was rushed to Borgess hospital where he lies in quite a critical condition.

The parents live about a mile east of Paw Paw on the Territorial road.

LIGHTNING STRUCK BARN.

A barn belonging to Wm. Gay, living six miles northwest of Paw Paw, was struck by lightning last Saturday afternoon at about five o'clock during a severe storm. The barn was a large one, nearly 60 feet long, and contained 20 tons of hay, farming tools, hay scales, etc. Only one horse was in the barn at the time. The building burned to the ground and was a total loss. It was valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

WILL RESIDE IN DETROIT WORKHOUSE

Sheriff Sowle made a trip to Detroit this week accompanied by a man named Arthur Gross, whom he picked up in South Haven. The prisoner was accused by Mrs. Sweet of that city of stealing several articles of value, among which were silver vases, hunting coat and \$13 in cash. The former articles were recovered, but the unlucky 13 was hard to locate. The man was in the employ of Mrs. Sweet as table waiter. He was given 90 days at hard labor.

Upon investigation it was learned by Mr. Sowle that Gross was a paroled prisoner from Chicago. The man claims that he is not capable of resisting the temptation of appropriating property belonging to others to his own use, but made no other excuses for his conduct.

TEAM WORK WINS APPLAUSE

The degree staff and drill team of the Fraternal Brotherhood of Kalamazoo met with the local organization last Tuesday evening and assisted in the initiatory work.

This team has the reputation of being the best drilled organization in the state, and it fully verified the same in the drill given on the streets prior to the lodge work. The military precision in the execution of the many intricate formations elicited the hearty applause of the large crowd gathered to witness the imposing spectacle.

A class of ten was initiated.

J. B. Showerman came home from Sturgis to spend the Fourth with his family.



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EDWIN V. MORGAN, MINISTER TO PORTUGAL.

M R. MORGAN'S consular and diplomatic career began in the far east. He was one of those consuls in Manchuria who had little opportunity for usefulness because of the Russo-Japanese war. Then he became minister to Korea, in which country he had previously served as consul and as secretary of legation, but was transferred to Cuba when Japan annexed the Hermit Kingdom. His five years' service at Havana was followed by the appointment to Uruguay and Paraguay, which he held until he was ordered to Lisbon.

FINE EXERCISES AT SOUTH HAVEN

Many Attend Dedication
of Soldiers' Monument
on the Fourth.

South Haven celebrated the Fourth according to old-time custom and from all reports the celebration was a huge success. It was more especially a gala day for the old soldiers as it was the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of the new soldiers' monument, which beautiful ceremonial was observed by Zach Chandler Post, G. A. R., under the supervision of Dr. O. A. Dean, commander.

The principal address of the occasion, however, was made by Hon. E. H. Harvey of Paw Paw, who complimented the G. A. R. Post, the Relief Corps and the citizens generally on the happy consummation of their long cherished plans in the erection of the fine monument in their Lakeside cemetery. The address was one of the most masterly and eloquent ever delivered in the county, a few extracts from which we present herewith:

"Memory was the mother of the muses—while other divinities were reveling, memory reflected. Monuments are reminders—they memorialize the past. Nature built the first and finest monuments in such structures as the coral reefs and the islands of the equatorial seas. These antedate the glacial age and are unchanged by the attraction of the ocean tides through countless ages. The oldest monuments made by men are the Pyramids and Sphinx of Egypt. But monuments are not all of brass, marble or cement. In songs of a people are reminders of their most sacred sentiments. Literature is also monumental. Not altogether the castles and tides of the storied Rhine attract the tourists of the world, but the thrilling tales of Teuton myths and chronicles of feudal times make up a wonderful monument in the world of letters. The simple poem, 'Bingen on the Rhine' has caused more travelers to tarry at this quaint little German town than all the scenic attractions of this famous stream. A wreath of autumn

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WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Kalamazoo's Fifth Year as
Member of the Grand
Circuit.

Kalamazoo will celebrate its fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Circuit during the week of July 15th with the most attractive card so far presented at Recreation Park. Secretary Engelman has announced fourteen class races in addition to his six early closing events, making his entire racing program very attractive. The secretary says we have the largest list of entries of the fastest horses ever had by the association before and the most noted drivers in the world. The track will be lightning fast and there is not a person in lower Michigan that can afford to miss this great race meeting. The Kalamazoo track will celebrate its wooden anniversary this year as a member of the Grand Circuit. Those who attend the meeting this year will notice many improvements in the way of cement walks, new fences, re-arrangements of the box seats in the grandstand and renovating in the way of paint and calcimine, etc. The management has engaged the Wallace Vocal band, who will entertain the people between heats on the grandstand. This orchestra comes very highly recommended by the leading horse papers in this country. Every day will be the best day.

On Monday, July 15, there will be \$6,000 given away in the way of stakes and purses. On Tuesday we have the great Michigan United Traction Co.'s purse for 2:08 trotters, purse \$3,000 and three additional classes for \$1,000 each. On Wednesday the great Paper Mills purse for 2:11 trotters, purse \$10,000 together with the additional races for \$1,000 each. No one should miss this 2:11 trot as there are 27 horses entered in this \$10,000 class. On Thursday we have the Celery City purse for 2:10 pacers, purse \$5,000 and three additional classes for \$1,000 each, including the great 2:05 pace. On Friday the Burdick hotel purse for 2:15 trotters, purse \$2,000 with 46 horses entered and three additional classes, including the free-for-all

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AMERICANS FIRST IN OLYMPIC CONTEST

First Time in History that Same
Country Took Three Prizes in
Same Event.

Ralph Craig of Detroit, representing the Y. M. C. A. of that place, is in the limelight at present and is the man who outclassed the best runners of America and Europe at the Olympic games in Stockholm last week. America walked away with first, second and third place in the track event and at the close three American flags were run up, indicating three victories. It was the first time in the history of the Olympic contests that three flags of the same country had been raised at the end of a single event and the crowd went wild with enthusiasm for the Old United States.

The Swedish bands broke into "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and America was courted and feted by her hosts. This is a feather to be worn proudly by our representatives and we are taking off our hats to the boys.

"HONEY DEW" ON MAPLE TREES

Alarm Felt for Safety of
Our Beautiful Shade
Trees.

The beautiful, wide streets with their comfortable shade offered by the spreading maples on either side and making an archway of green over the thoroughfares of Paw Paw have long been the pride of the inhabitants and the wonder of her visitors. Hard and soft maple, including the Norway and Southern, are the principal species that makes the beauty of the town.

Not long ago it was discovered by one of the property owners that the leaves on a splendid Southern maple tree that stands in front of his home were falling off, and it being the wrong time of the year for this to occur, brought the fact to his attention, and upon examining the fallen leaves he found them covered with a sticky substance resembling white syrup. It was not long before there were other trees similarly affected and consequently there was some little alarm felt lest the trouble should prove serious.

Fred Osoobock wrote to the experiment station of the Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing in regard to the matter and also sent a specimen of the diseased leaves. In a short time he received the following letter, which will surely be of interest to every person whose home is under the peaceful shade of these wonderful old sentinels:

July 3, 1912.
Mr. Fred Osoobock,
Paw Paw, Mich.

Dear Sir:
The insects which you sent on the maple twig are a species of plant lice. The sticky substance which covers the leaves is secreted through little glands on the back of the lice. This sticky substance is sometimes called "Honey Dew."

If you wish to kill these lice with a spray you may use whale oil soap, one pound in 5½ gallons of warm water, or one of the tobacco extracts, which may be purchased on the market. In using either spray you should direct the stream so as to strike the leaves from beneath with considerable force.

Respectfully yours,
GEO. D. SHAFFER,
Research Assistant.

Since the recent heavy rain the "Honey Dew" has disappeared to some extent and it may be possible that it was only a little sample left at our doors to see if we like it. We do not.

NOW HAS ART CLASS.

Miss Vesta Grimes has fitted up an art studio on west main street and has organized a class numbering eight students. Miss Grimes graduated from the art department at the Western State Normal this year and has done fine work in the way of water color, charcoal, pen work, etc.

Her class consists of pupils from eight to sixteen years of age and has started under very favorable circumstances. Sketching tours will be a feature, nature study being one of the most important lines of her work. Her classes are on Monday and Thursday of each week from 2 until 4 o'clock.

ELECTED TO OFFICE.

Two Paw Paw girls, Mrs. Mabel Ball Jones and Mrs. Lena Snow Pritchard, were elected members of the school board of Decatur recently. The election was reported as being rather a spirited one and the contest was interesting from the beginning. The ladies are well known here and their friends are assuming that the confidence placed in them by the electors of the district will be rewarded by faithful service.

WRITES OF TRIP TO THE WEST

Rev. A. T. Luther Sends
Interesting Letter to The
True Northerner.

VISITS MANY PLACES OF NOTE

Describes Many Features of Highly
Enjoyable Trip in Usual Enter-
taining Manner.

Sunset Beach, Oregon, June 24, 1912.
Dear friends:—

Think I promised you a letter descriptive of our western trip, but the days have passed so quickly and the empires and great cities of the west have been so constantly changing to my sight there was no time to write.

What great commercial wealth from agriculture one sees in passing through Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska and then as one is borne farther into Colorado, immediately there rises the "Grandeur of the everlasting hills" where mineral wealth abounds.

The corn crop, the alfalfa and oat crop of the states mentioned are looking fine and promise abundant harvest.

The scenic trip through the Rockies on the Denver & Rio Grande has been too often described. Why should I take it up? But when you visit Colorado Springs be sure to take "The Crystal Park" trip by auto; for beauty of scenery and breadth of vision it is not surpassed.

Passing Salt Lake and entering Oregon we were held up 12 hours by a slide of rocks onto our track, but it was discovered in time to prevent serious accident.

Portland is a city of 208,000 population and is growing rapidly. The "Rose Festival" was on when we arrived, and such a display of roses I think, will be seen only at Portland. A procession passed as we reached the main streets. First a car carrying a cornet band of 40 instruments, next a car loaded with young ladies their arms full of roses and roses piled all about them. The streets were packed with people and the young ladies threw the roses by handfuls at everybody. Then followed an open flat car with high side boards. In the center of the car was a great hopper and into it, men dressed in white, were piling rose leaves by the armfuls. A large funnel arose from the center of the hopper and turned in all directions, and through it a blast of air carried the leaves 15 feet high scattering them like snow flakes over the great throng. The leaves were three feet deep where the

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WATER SUPPLY TO BE INCREASED

At a special meeting of the village council held Wednesday evening it was voted to install an air lift at the pumping station and an order has been given the Union Steam Pump Co. of Battle Creek, who will have the same in operation within a week or ten days.

It was an obvious necessity that something be done to increase the supply of water during the summer months, and the present method of producing that supply was entirely inadequate. It is now possible to pump but one gallon in 70 seconds—a little less than a gallon a minute, while with the improvements ordered from 300 to 500 gallons per minute may be obtained, thus furnishing all the water that will be needed for all purposes for years to come.

There have been many complaints during the summer from residents of the village in regard to the scarcity of water, and the action of the council in providing a method for increasing the supply will meet with the hearty approval of all concerned.

LIFE STORY OF "FIDDLING BOB"

As the time approaches for holding the Chautauqua, one's mind naturally reverts back to those held here in past years and to the long list of prominent speakers who have done so much to contribute to the success of past Chautauquas. Among the many who have honored Paw Paw with their presence on these occasions, but few made a better impression or found more genuine admirers than Senator "Bob" Taylor of Tennessee, notice of whose death was chronicled not many months ago.

Now that the senator and lecturer is no more his three brothers have begun the preparation of a biography, in which will be told the story of how he studied his way into congress, besides giving the chief characteristics of his life and his environments. The book will be awaited with interest by his admirers all over the land.